

CARR-245

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Uniontown

1857

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CARR-245 United Methodist Church

Carroll County is the heartland of Methodism in America because of the numerous historical sites located in the Wakefield Valley, just south of Uniontown, that are associated with Robert Strawbridge and the birth of Methodism in this country. Strawbridge's influence was such that every major town in Carroll County had a Methodist congregation during the nineteenth century. The first Methodist congregation in Uniontown met in a log meeting house provided by the Cover family on the north side of Uniontown Road adjoining the current Methodist Cemetery. In 1857, the congregation had a brick church constructed on this new site that is now the **United Methodist Church**. The building cost \$3,200, and Dr. J. J. Weaver, Jr., points out the unusual aspect that "all the monies subscribed for its erection had been collected and all expenses settled previous to the day of dedication, and there was no collection taken up on the aforesaid day." The architecture of the church uses a gable-front design and facade arrangement that were popular during the mid-nineteenth century. The gable-front main facade has two entrances with paneled double doors, colored glass transoms, and molded frames with a bracket cornice. Between the two entrances is a large colored glass window. Above this window is a half-circle window and above that is a small marble datestone. The bell-tower is a late nineteenth century addition.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

225. N. Center Street
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WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

SURVEY NUMBER: CARR-245

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/NorthingU.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: New WindsorPRESENT FORMAL NAME:
Uniontown M.P. ChurchORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
Uniontown U.M. ChurchPRESENT USE: churchORIGINAL USE: church

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent () Good (X)
Fair () Poor ()

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT: 1857COUNTY: CARROLLTOWN: UniontownLOCATION: 3407 Uniontown Rd.COMMON NAME: United Methodist ChurchFUNCTIONAL TYPE: ChurchOWNER: Trustees of U. Methodist ChurchADDRESS: 3407 Uniontown Rd
Uniontown, Md 21157

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes (X) No () Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local () State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone (X) Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood: Log () Post and Beam () Balloon ()
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (X) Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other
3. Wall Covering: Weatherboard () German Siding () Board and Batten ()
Wood Shingle () Shiplap () Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal ()
Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle () Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: stretcher Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal (X)
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds ()
Ells () Wings () Other:Roof Style: Gable () Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet ()
With False Front () Other:Number of Stories: 1Number of Bays: 3 x 3

Approximate Dimensions:

Entrance Location: double entrances

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat (X) Zoning () Roads ()

Development () Deterioration ()

Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive (X) Negative ()

Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

see Uniontown Rd - A Walking Tour

REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map:
1877 LG & S Atlas:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane () Woodland () Scattered Buildings ()
Moderately Built Up () Densely-Built Up ()
Residential () Commercial ()
Agricultural () Industrial ()
Roadside Strip Development ()
Other:

RECORDED BY:

Joe Getty

ORGANIZATION:

C.C. Dept. of Planning

DATE RECORDED:

9/84



1. CARR-245 Uniontown Methodist Church
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. November, 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
6. North & east elevations, camera facing
southwest
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